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For : METHOD OF DETECTING AND QUANTITATING MICROORGANISM
HAVING SPECIFIC FUNCTION AND ITS GENE FROM NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT, NOVEL 16SrRNA GENE DATA AND PROBES

STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

Applicant respectfully requests notification as to the status and a date as to when an Office
Action will be issued in the above-identified patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone
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